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CDF Contributes $599,572 to Help Strengthen Communities

WHITEHORSE – Minister of Economic Development Jim Kenyon has announced that the Community Development Fund (CDF) has awarded $599,572 of Tier 2 funding. The work of the 12 recipient organizations will continue to help make Yukon communities healthy and safe places to live.

"This government values the ongoing work by community-based groups to improve the quality of life for all Yukoners," Kenyon said. "We are committed to working with Yukon communities and non-government organizations on such worthwhile initiatives as youth programming, recreation and community infrastructure."

The Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation received $71,390 to support a variety of special events celebrating and promoting fitness. This fitness/wellness program is designed for youth and adults and offers a variety of programs including bow-building, Tae Kwan Do and winter camping.

"Without the assistance of CDF these activities would not be available at the high level we hope to deliver them," Fitness/Wellness Program Administrator Dustin Davis explains. "The project will increase the number of meaningful and engaging experiences open to citizens of Old Crow this year and enhance programs for future years as well."

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Also working to promote wellness within its community, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation will use $25,959 to support a wellness retreat designed especially for women. This three day retreat will help women gain a greater sense of self esteem and empowerment, which will help lessen their social isolation.

"This CDF grant will enable us to host the first of a series of women's wellness retreats," Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Pre-Treatment and Aftercare Worker Jennifer Nunan said. "It's always about prevention, promotion and awareness. This retreat will serve to lessen the social isolation women feel by connecting with other women who share common experiences, while at the same time giving them information on issues that impact their lives."

Tier 2 level funding is available for applications of $20,001 to $75,000. CDF is available for large and small projects, with Tier 1 awards for applications of $20,000 or less and Tier 3 awards for applications over $75,000.

Learn more about CDF and how it may benefit your community projects by visiting **http://www.gov.yk.ca/**. The CDF offices are open to assist with the application process.

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Below: List of Tier 2 Projects Funded.

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Tier 2 Projects Funded

Downtown Urban Gardeners Society - $37,079
Coordinator and Food Security Program - Make improvements to the garden, hire a part time employee to coordinate a workshop series and implement a "Plant-a-Row, Grow-a-Row" model program to donate produce to social agencies. Contact: Randy Lamb at (867) 633-4379

Signpost Seniors' Society - $26,503 Roof Renovations

and Install New Furnace - To replace existing furnace, and repair and reshingle the roof of the seniors' facility, which also houses the daycare. Contact: Sheila Frank at 867-536-2929

Town of Faro - $74,616 Recreation Centre Revitalization Project - To undertake significant modifications and upgrades to the Faro Recreation Centre including the youth lounge, building security, kitchen, bathrooms, and change rooms. Contact: Hermann Minderlein at 867-994-2728

Town of Watson Lake - $40,950 Recycling Centre Upgrades - Upgrade the existing recycling centre to include running water, washroom, utility room and office space. Contact: Deb Hadwen at 867-536-8022

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation - $25,959 Yukon Women's Wellness Retreat - To help women gain a greater sense of self esteem and empowerment and lessen their social isolation. Contact: Jennifer Nunan at 867-993-7148

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation - $66,750 Cache Creek Development - To install permanent fixed frame accommodations with potable water at the Cache Creek Camp. Contact: James Macdonald at 867-993-7145

Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation - $71,390 Winter Fitness/Wellness - This project is designed to provide numerous special events during the 2007/08 winter season in Old Crow which celebrates and promotes fitness and well-being in both youth and adults. Contact: Dustin Davis at 867 966-3151

Watson Lake Rodeo Association - $75,000 Barn Construction - Construct a ten stall barn with tack room and wash rack at the Watson Lake Rodeo Grounds to be used as a horse boarding facility. Contact: Brenda Cornell at 867-536-7385

Whitehorse Youth Centre Society - $46,750 Youth Service Training Program - To provide job training for seven youth for employment in the areas of youth services, events co-ordination, general customer and food services. Contact: David Prodan at 393-2824

Yukon Child Care Association - $34,773 National Child Day Around Yukon - To hold a one-day event of physical activities for children to celebrate National Day of the Child. Contact: Cyndi Desharnais at (867) 668-5130

Yukon Golf Association - $70,228 Training Academy - To build a golf training facility and program in cooperation with the Mountainview Golf Club. Contact: Gordon Zealand at (867) 633-3364

Yukon Horse and Rider Association - $29,574 Purchase Horse Stalls - To purchase and erect 20 portable horse stalls for show grounds. Contact: Jaime Hanna at 393-2508